# Our God: Creative

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**A Creative God**
Lesson for September 6, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Genesis 2:4-9, 18-25

**Introduction**

This week's lesson marks the beginning of a new series of studies on the origins of God's people. The focus will be upon the calling and early history of the Hebrew people, as well as God's role in their making.

The origins of man has caused many battles and divisions. What is often overlooked in these heated battles is the miracle of creation. The form that creation took is not nearly as important as the finished product. God certainly has the power and potential to create through any means he chooses. To deny the concept of evolution is to deny that God could be behind such a process. To subscribe to the theory of evolution does not imply that one does not acknowledge the existance of God. Many evolutionary thinkers are devoted to God.

The crowning miracle of creation is, of course, man and woman. The psalmist captures it perfectly when he writes, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We are uniquely made to function and live as God's creative expressions.

**MAN: The Crowning Creation [Genesis 2:4-7]**

Everything that was created by God was predicated upon the creation of human life. The creation of the heavens and earth did not quite meet God's needs. The creation of humanity became the crowning act of God's handiwork.

God seems to work best when someome is working with him hand in hand. Biblical history reveals that God's purposes are carried out through the efforts of man. This does not mean that God cannot or does not act independently of man, but he depends upon his earthly servants to carry out His divine intentions.

The smash hit movie, E.T., depicts an extra-terrestrial being from another world who cannot make earth his home. He was accidently left behind when the spaceship he came down on was discovered. Through out the movie, E.T. attempts to phone home and ask for his "people" to rescue him.

Man's home is the earth. On any other planet man would be a total stranger. When Neil Armstrong set foot upon the moon in 1969, he stepped upon alien soil. Man, therefore, is at home on the earth and shares life with all of God's other creatures and creations. The major difference between creatures and man is that man was God-breathed, thus creating a special union between God and man.

**A Man And A Woman [Genesis 2:8-9, 18-20]**

God must have thought that an all male population would soon die of boredom, so he designed the union of man and woman. If the animals of the Eden forest could enjoy companionship, why shouldn't man. When you get right down to it, it isn't good that anyone live life alone. We all need each other.

Adam and Eve were placed in a garden paradise that might resemble West Palm Beach, Florida! It was a beautiful place that required nothing of them but to enjoy one another and the garden. Eden was a place of good and plenty where no one would know hunger or discord. Adam and Eve's only responsibility was to "dress and to keep it."

**The Union Of Man And Woman [Genesis 2:21-25]**

The sexual union of man and woman was initially a sacred one according to Genesis. God created us for togetherness. By his wisdom he intended that a man and woman would blend together sexually, emotionally and spiritually.

When God introduced Eve to Adam, he knew it was love at first sight! Adam recognized Eve as "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh."

Marriage between a man and a woman was God's way of giving two people the opportunity to share their common nature and deepest feelings. Marriage happens when a person leaves the parental nest and cleaves to the person they choose to walk with through life.

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THE REV. AND MRS. DALE OAKS are new residents of Vera. The Rev. Oaks was named pastor of the Vera Church of God in late July. A native of Briston, the Rev. Oaks was a pastor in Amelia for four and one-half years before coming to Appomattox. He says he is "happy to be in Appomattox," and invites the public to attend worship services at the church. Sunday School is held at the church starting at 10 a.m. each week, the morning service begins at 11 a.m., the evening service begins at 7 p.m., and the Wednesday Bible Service begins at 7:30 p.m. each week. The Oakses are shown here with their two children, Charlie and Amanda. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

## Zion Baptist Church sets Sunday services

You are cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at Zion Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Charles Lewis will preside.

An appreciation service for Deacon Frank Johnson will be held Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church.

A large crowd of friends and members attended the 65th anniversary celebration of the Ladies' Aid group Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Beatrice Walker ws MC, and the Rev. James Franklin was primary speaker. Also speaking at the service were the Rev. Charles Lewis, the Rev. R. Jones, and the Rev. Wyatt Venables.

Miss Sybil Franklin played special music along with the Baptist Union Young Adult Choir. Mrs. Wiggins gave special remarks. Deacon Robert Jennings is in Virginia Baptist Hospital having a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Arlene Bates of New York is visiting Mrs. Franklin and friends. We are praying for the sick and shut-in everywhere.

## Galilee news

Regular preaching services will be held at Galilee Baptist Church this coming Sunday at 11 a.m. The Senior Choir and the YSD Singers will be in charge of the music.

On Sunday afternoon, installation services for Rev. Albert Davis as pastor of Galilee will be held. Rev. Williams and his singers from Farmville will be special guests for the 3 p.m. ceremonies. A special program has been planned for your inspiration and enjoyment. Please come out and help make this program successful and memorable.

The Senior Choir meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m.

Miss Arnita Goode would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported the talent program on last Sunday. The program was sponsored fo the benefit of the NAACP drive.

Pastor Emeritous Lawing is receiving treatment in Lynchburg General. Let us remember him and all the sick and shut-in over the world. Let us remember our bereaved families also.

Thought for the week. Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.

Have a pleasant week and God bless.

## Mt. Pleasant news

The congregation at Mt. Pleasant celebrated their pastor's first service anniversary Sunday. The Rev. Lewis Barksdale was the guest speaker for the occasion, and the Gordon Young Choir performed.

Pulpit guests were the Revs. Edwards, Humbles Flood and Miller.

The Pastor's Aid Club presented the Rev. and Mrs. Napier a few tokens of their appreciation for the guidance and fellowship over the past year.

Along with a cake and a money vest presented by the Pastor's Aid Club, there were many gifts from the various clubs within the church.

The Senior Choir will be celebrating their anniversary the second Sunday in this month (Sept. 12) at 4 p.m. Everyone is asked to come out and participate in the celebration.

Mrs. Bernice Bailey, Mary Walker, Christine Washington, Gracie Walker, Claudia Woolridge, Odell Chambers and Tiny visited Zion Baptist Church last Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. James Franklin and his choir and Sybil gave a wonderful program for their 64th anniversary celebration for the Ladies' Aid Group.

Our prayers go out to the sick and shut-in, especially for the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr., who is in the hospital.

## Two to attend Ferrum

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Glautin C. Bagby of Concord, and Warren Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Baldwin of Pamplin.

Ferrum College is a private United Methodist related institution with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 men and women.

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# Church News

## Mt. Shiloh Church news

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Members are reminded to accompany the Rev. Yuille and the deacons when they attend the installation service for the Rev. Albert Davis, Jr. at Galilee Baptist Church on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Golden Trumpeteers will be the special guests for the Senior Choir anniversary on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Youth Club will meet Saturday at 12 o'clock. There will be a cookout following the meeting.

Let us pray for the Rev. Lawing and for all who are sick and shut-in.

## Promise Land

There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.

A very inspiring revival was held at Promise Land this past week. We would like to thank everyone who helped make it a success.

We all enjoyed homecomers who returned to worship with us. We hope that each and everyone of them had a safe return trip home. We hope to see them again next year.

Our prayers go out to the sick and shut-in. We send a special prayer to the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr.

## Sale planned

The Vera Church of God of Prophecy will sponsor a Yard Sale on September 4 from 8 till at the home of Jessie Johnson on Route 4.


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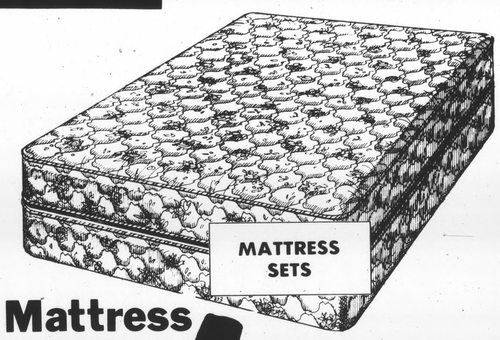


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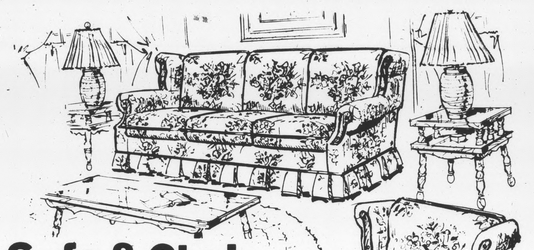

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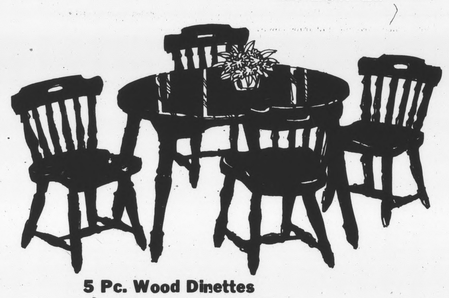

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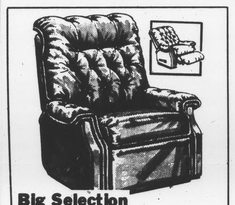

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